

Letters to the Editor ...

Hurricane Andrew Cover-up

I just read a bit about hurricane Andrew on the website. It sure brought back memories.

I am a ham radio operator and I was a Red Cross volunteer in West Palm Beach at the time. My post during the expected hurricane arrival was a fire station in a western part of the county. When we heard news that the hurricane had hit further south, I contacted our local EOC [Emergency Operations Center] and requested permission to drive down to South Dade to assist. I was told by the head of our EOC that the conditions down south were not that serious, they needed no volunteers, and if I went I would be arrested.

This contradicted what I had been hearing from surviving ham radio operators so I loaded up with supplies, hooked my trailer with generator and fuel in tow, put my Red Cross ID on the dashboard and drove on down to what was left of Homestead.

I reported in to the Red Cross operation and, since I had brought extra communications equipment, they had me report to the city hall where I set up radio equipment so they could communicate.

My generator was quickly confiscated by the commander of the troops manning the National Guard building. They used it to run lights until they could manage to get utility power restored to the building. We had the use of the main building of the National Guard to use as storage and there were trucks coming in from the north that were carrying food and water.

Before long the building was getting filled, and they came over and asked the man that appeared to be in charge (I think he was city manager) at the city hall what they could do with all of the incoming food and water. I advised him that we could have Red Cross volunteers drive out into the community to deliver food and water to the people. He told me to see him in the morning and he would organise it.

For days we went out into all the areas we could reach by car or truck, distributing food, water, baby formula and other supplies. In that time I saw many devastated mobile home parks, homes and apartment buildings. In the wreckage, mostly the mobile home parks, the bodies

and body parts were all over and the stench was getting bad.

We were ordered to stop our food deliveries by the military after a few days because they claimed it was a health hazard for us to go out into these areas, and they wanted hunger to force the survivors to come out of the areas instead of remaining in their homes. The military set up kitchens at major intersections and prepared meals for anyone lucky enough to be near one or have transportation.

There was no discussion of any rescue efforts that I was aware of, and the Red Cross volunteer in the hospital reported that the only wounded coming in were people who came to the hospital on their own.

I remained and helped with a temporary tower and maintained a site running by generator for two-way communications and mobile telephone service. I even had to patch phone lines along the streets to try to keep the phone circuits to the tower working as long as possible until new lines and towers could be set up. I had to endure the martial law and I had guns pointed at me many times at the many military road blocks—but I was never arrested, as the head of the Palm Beach County EOC had claimed.

In fact, everyone I met at the local level in Homestead, with the exception of the military, was glad for the help we provided. Red Cross HQs, on the other hand, were lost in a mass of confusion. We had virtually no support from them. It was mostly individual volunteers like me, who ignored the warnings and turned up to help out, that ended up doing most of the ground work, and there were too few of us to go around.

I have absolutely no doubts about the cover-ups. I saw the bodies, and when I heard the "official" death reports I knew right then and there something was up.

Well, I've rambled on long enough. I have tried to put a lot of what I saw behind me. It was like a war zone I doubt I will ever forget.

Bob B., USA

Sai Baba: Grace Disgraced

Dear Duncan: As one of the core contributors to the petition drawing attention to the allegations against the southern Indian spiritual teacher

(so-called) Sathya Sai Baba, it is very much in the mind of so many former Sai devotees that NEXUS did a very seminal and influential coverage of Sai Baba in 1999 [see 7/05]. I would therefore turn again to NEXUS to draw attention to our petition for official investigations of Sathya Sai Baba and his worldwide organisation. It is found at:

<http://www.PetitionOnline.com/saibaba/petition.html>.

In some cases, those of us closely involved in the exposure of Sathya Sai Baba feel that we have made some real ground, as can be seen at the many websites on this subject springing up on the Internet, e.g.:

<http://www.saiguru.net/english/>
<http://www.sathyasaivictims.com/>
<http://www.exbaba.com>.

However, devotees like Indian Prime Minister Vajpayee and many others right across party-political divisions, as well as the police and the judiciary, continue to support and cover up for Sai Baba and the leaders of his multibillion-dollar worldwide organisation.

Besides UNESCO, we now have many leading media taking our case seriously in countries such as USA, UK, Denmark, Sweden, The Netherlands, Germany, India, Australia and Canada. This is especially so in the case of countries whose nationals have provided affidavits and other credible testimony of sexual abuse upon male minors and young men by Sathya Sai Baba. There are excellent TV documentaries produced by the Danish Broadcasting Company and Argentinian television.

Even though UNESCO has posted a media advisory mentioning the serious reports of sexual abuse by Sai Baba and malfeasance by his leading officials, and though the US State Department has posted a travel warning which does all but name Sai Baba, governments including those of Australia, UK, Canada, Germany, The Netherlands and others who have been approached at the highest levels have still failed to act in protection of their citizens.

Thanks for a great magazine that demonstrates rationally that not all conspiracy notions are loopy. You are welcome to publish my email address.

Best regards,

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Dumbing Down by the Media

I've been reading the magazine for about three years now, and it has expanded my world view considerably. Although I have always been interested in what are wrongly labelled "alternative" news issues, NEXUS, unlike a lot of other sources, is non-judgemental (mostly). For instance, the content of *Fortean Times* has descended from a genuinely interested position to that of a "weird but true" section at the back of a Sunday newspaper, at the same time sniping at other magazines including NEXUS.

Have you noticed how demonised the Internet has become in the last year or so? From the greatest benefit to freedom and humankind, it is now the lair of perverts, terrorists and loners. At the same time, when the societies of the world seem more likely than ever to tip over, the news agencies are dumbing down more than ever.

Richard M., United Kingdom

Proof of Faked Apollo Footage!

Dear NEXUS: I believe I have found the most conclusive evidence to support the theory that the *Apollo* missions to the Moon were hoaxed; in fact, I have proved it. I detail this below.

I live in London and recently saw a documentary which showed the *Apollo* footage doubled in speed, giving the appearance of Earthlike gravity. Quite apart from demonstrating that NASA could have filmed on Earth and halved the speed, there is much more here.

To increase the speed by a factor of two and achieve the appearance of Earthlike gravity means the gravity on the Moon is one quarter of that on Earth—but it is not; it is one sixth. Thus, to achieve Earthlike gravity would require increasing the speed of the footage by the square root of six: approx 2.45.

In order to prove that the videos were not shot on the Moon, you need to observe the footage from *Apollo XV*, where David Scott demonstrates the Galilean principle by dropping a hammer and a feather to the ground in a vacuum, i.e., on the Moon. The hammer is in freefall for at most 1.1 seconds. The distance it would therefore travel is:

$$0.5 \times \text{gravity} \times \text{time} \times \text{time} = \\ 0.5 \times (9.8/6) \times 1.1 \times 1.1 = 0.99.$$

Thus the hammer could not have

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fallen a distance of more than 99 cm, or 0.99 m.

I have not been able to find David Scott's height; however, looking at photographs, he is clearly taller than Armstrong, who is 5'11", by several inches. David Scott is also wearing "Moon boots". The hammer is dropped by David Scott from shoulder height, easily 150 cm, or 1.5 m. This is not possible. David Scott cannot have been standing on the Moon when he dropped the hammer.

However, if we assume that NASA did indeed film the action on Earth, then halved the film speed, the distance the hammer would travel is:

$$0.5 \times 9.8 \times 0.55 \times 0.55 = 1.48 \text{ m} = 148 \text{ cm.}$$

I rest my case!

My calculations have been verified by several of my friends who are maths geeks like myself, and I hope you will also verify them. I look forward to hearing from you.

Mr Freedom, anonanon20071969@hotmail.com

Bacteriophages & Urine Therapy

Hi, Duncan: It occurs to me, in the light of recent publicity on the history of successful use of bacteriophages in the USSR and now her ex-states as an alternative to antibiotics (BBC program, shown on 27 July 2002), that no one has mentioned that this could be a partial reason for the healing effects of urine therapy [see article in 9/04].

Bacteriophages are present in large numbers in the urine of patients in the convalescent stages. Being viruses, they are not filtered out as are the bacteria and would be specific for that particular illness, so would help recovery enormously—or so the theory goes! Any feedback on self-help using this method would be very interesting.

Julian Braggins, j_braggins@austarnet.com.au

Noni Juice: A Magical Cure-All?

Dear Duncan: I have been reading NEXUS for many years and enjoy the variety of articles.

My mother has terminal cancer, and I was recently introduced to a product called Noni juice. I had not heard of it before, so conducted my own research. There is a lot of information on the Net and various books from users and doctors with

varying testimonies.

My mother has improved slightly after taking the tonic for about four weeks, but only time will tell.

I would be interested in other readers' experiences with this "magical cure" for all diseases and ailments.

Regards,

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Ethical Charities & Corporations?

Hello, Duncan: Thanks to you and your team for a great magazine. I've been buying it for the last ten years and will be buying it for the next ten as well.

The only thing I would really like to see in the mag (that I don't recall ever having seen) is an article about charities. I always used to give a percentage of my money (not a lot, since I was unemployed) to certain charities with the sincere hope that I was making a little difference in the world and making things better for the world in general, but I have since stopped after hearing certain things—primarily, that some charities covertly support the opposite to what they purportedly are trying to help.

My father was in the Charity Commission in the UK and after having been there a few years said he would give money to very few of them. Are there any really honest and sincere charities out there? I would love to know more.

Also, I would like to see something on just how ethical many of our high-street names, manufacturers and supermarkets are (Coke, Reebok, McDonald's, etc.). I don't buy any of the above products, but I'm sure there are things I *do* buy that have some dubious ethical standards. I hate buying something, only to find out later that the manufacturers test on animals or pay next to nothing to their labourers in some African country.

I think it's important for people to know these things, and that by buying ethically sound goods we are making the world a better place while hopefully draining some of the power from major corporations who think they can treat living beings like crap just so they can make more money.

Thanks for reading.

Jim S., Wirral, United Kingdom

Coconuts and Non-Vegetarianism

Dear Duncan: I am writing this to praise you highly and thank you for producing such a great and informative magazine. Bravo! I am getting a far more accurate and truthful education in history from NEXUS than I ever did in school. In fact, I believe the *real* conspiracy stories are in the mainstream media! My husband (a former PM) and I both love NEXUS magazine so much, we've just ordered two years of back issues along with our subscription request.

Also, I want to praise highly two recently published two-part articles: one on "The Myths of Vegetarianism" [see 9/03–4], and the other on "The Health Benefits of Coconuts" [9/02–3]. As an ND and writer specialising in nutrition for over 28 years, I have to say *both* articles were *excellent* and I agree totally with them! Both authors really did their homework. Bravo! Unfortunately, there is a *lot* of *misinformation* out there in the field of health and politics. Fortunately, these articles certainly help to expose the fallacies perpetrated and get to the scientific *truth* of the matter.

I am familiar with the many years of research done on fats by Dr Mary Enig (more than anyone else) and greatly respect it and her. As a matter of fact, I used her scientific papers as a reference several years ago when I wrote my article, "Know Your Fats", for *Let's Live* magazine.

Having lived in Polynesia for many years, I've seen first-hand the health benefits of coconuts consumed by the elders, and what happens when they are no longer consumed. Hence, I go out of my way to obtain coconuts while here in New Zealand, and I highly recommend them to my clients.

With regard to the myths of vegetarianism, this knowledge being relayed to the public is long overdue! Like Dr Byrnes, for years I too have witnessed the ill effects of a total vegetarian diet. Like so many others, I love animals and wish it were possible to be a vegetarian and be healthy—but unfortunately it isn't, because we are all part of the cycle of life here on Mother Earth! Dr Stephen Byrnes has addressed all these myths in a very professional and factual manner.

A reference both authors have used is from my favourite book, *Nutrition and Physical Degeneration* by Weston A. Price, DDS. It is a priceless treasure and no one can dispute his findings. All schools should make this mandatory reading instead of trying to hide it!

Duncan, keep up the *great* job! It is truly appreciated by not only me, but by so many of your readers throughout the world.

All good wishes,

Lady Carla Davis, ND, Hamilton, New Zealand

US Agencies Identify Terrorists

Dear Sir: I am currently employed by the US Government as an intelligence analyst and felt I was doing my part on our "war on terrorism", until these past few months.

My brother recently purchased a copy of the video *9-11: The Road to Tyranny*, and insisted I watch it. Although the entire video was disturbing, I especially remembered the segment which showed police officers sitting in a classroom and being told how our Founding Fathers were terrorists. I partially dismissed it as taken out of context, until the experience I just had.

The agency I work for just sent me to a week-long course, titled "Dynamics of Terrorism", which was hosted by the DoD Polygraph Institute. The first day of the course began in a usual manner with the instructors (two of them) introducing themselves and discussing their backgrounds. They were both NSA.

Then began a week-long introduction into what the FBI, NSA and our government classify as terrorism these days. Here's a condensed list: the teens who committed the school shooting at Columbine, the Branch Davidians, Randy Weaver, the Founding Fathers, computer hackers, militias, anyone who commits a "hate crime", and especially anyone who does not trust our government. I couldn't believe what I was hearing; it was almost verbatim out of the video. From what I could tell, several of the cops were having a hard time with the course, except for the bureau boys who seemed to be lapping it up. Just wanted to let you know about this...

Anonymous, USA, via InfoWars website, <http://www.infowars.com>